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REMARKS

Claims 12-22 are now pending.

The Applicants' representative requests an office interview with the Examiner at a mutually convenient time. To this end, the Applicants' representative will telephone the Examiner soon to determine an appropriate time for the interview.

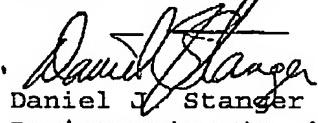
New claims 12-22 are based on claims 1-11 of the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 10/678,065, now abandoned. The new claims differ from the claims of the abandoned application in that the language respecting the input of a user evaluation, and the language respecting the impact of the user evaluation on the search condition, have been modified. Now, the user evaluation input is a positive limitation on the independent claims, and the impact on the search condition is now termed "updating" to more clearly define this feature. All claims are now believed to patentably define over Hatakeyama, U.S. Patent No. 5,220,625, over which the prior claims were finally rejected.

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